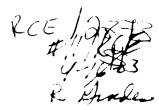
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REQUEST	Application No.	10/016,156	/		
FOR	Filing Date	November 1, 2	2001		
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL	First Named Inventor	NANBA, et al.	,		
Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective on May 29, 2000,	Group Art Unit	2873	/		
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application	Examiner Name	William Choi			
filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)					
This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.					
NOTE: 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.					
1. Submission under 37 C.F.R. §1.114					
a. Previously submitted MATCH & RETURN					
i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.	F.R. §1.116 prev	iously filed on			
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ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) and PTO-1449 w/ a copy of a reference					
iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) and PTO-1449 w/ a copy of a reference iv. Other: Preliminary Amendment					
2. Miscellaneous					
a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period					
of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required)					
b. Other:					
3. Fees The RCE fee under C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed					
 a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 13-4503, 					
 i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. §.1.17(e) ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§1.136 and 1.17) 					
iii. Other					
b. 🗵 A Check in the amount of \$750.00 enclosed.					
c. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 13-4503 Order No. 1232-4783					
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED					
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